

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Amendment

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A drug delivery composition comprising a biodegradable poly(ester-anhydride) copolymer ~~comprising random ester or amide bonds along the polymer chain~~ comprised of monomers derived from ricinoleic acid and sebacic acid, and a biologically active agent.

2. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of small drug molecules, peptides and proteins, DNA and DNA complexes with cationic molecules.

3. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in a form suitable for administration by injection.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymer is prepared from purified ricinoleic acid, ~~wherein ricinoleic acid comprises at least 90% by weight of the~~ polymer.

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9. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is encapsulated in microparticles or nanoparticles.

10. (original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of the group consisting of antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and anticancer agents, antidepressants, analgesics and local anesthetics.

Claims 11-14. Canceled

15. (new) The composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the monomer derived from ricinoleic acid to the monomer derived from sebacic acid is 7:3 or 8:2.